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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

CHIRINO, *et al.*

Serial No. 09/903,378

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For: *Protein Design Automation for
Designing Protein Libraries with
Altered Immunogenicity*

Group No. 1631

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 26, 2002. This response is being filed on or before October 26, 2002, making this a timely response. Although the Applicants do not believe any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees or other relief, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2310 (Our Order No. A-69566-1/463077-105/RFT/RMS/RMK).

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect for further prosecution the claims of Group I, namely Claims 1-17, drawn to a method for modulating peptide immunogenicity. **This election is made without traverse.**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 18 without prejudice or disclaimer as drawn to a non-elected invention.